

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

The Applicant would like to thank Examiner Willse for extending them the courtesy of a personal interview on March 19, 2008, to discuss this case. The following recordation of the substance of the interview is believed to be complete and proper, in accordance with MPEP 713.04. It is requested that the Examiner notify the undersigned if he believes this Statement contains any inaccuracies or if the Examiner believes the Statement is otherwise not complete and proper.

Interview participants: (1) Examiner Dave Willse and (2) Applicant's attorneys, Philip Goldman and Thomas Hipkins.

Specifically, Applicant's attorneys and the Examiner discussed claim 12 in view of Stone et al., US 5,306,311. It was agreed that Applicant would propose an amendment to claim 12 in order to further clarify distinctions between the device of the present invention and the prosthetic of Stone et al., and in turn, that the Examiner would consider the proposed amendment if filed in "after final" form and without an accompanying RCE.

No exhibit or model was shown during the interview.

No other pertinent matters were discussed during the interview.